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# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

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In re:	:	Chapter 11
HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT, L.P.,1	:	Case No. 19-34054-sgj11
Reorganized Debtor.	:	
MARC S. KIRSCHNER, AS LITIGATION TRUSTEE OF THE LITIGATION SUB-TRUST,	X : :	
Plaintiff,	: : :	Adv. Pro. No. 21-03076-sg
V.	:	
JAMES D. DONDERO; MARK A. OKADA; SCOTT ELLINGTON; ISAAC LEVENTON; GRANT JAMES SCOTT III; STRAND ADVISORS, INC.;	:	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The Reorganized Debtor's last four digits of its taxpayer identification number are (8357). The headquarters and service address for the above-captioned Reorganized Debtor is 100 Crescent Court, Suite 1850, Dallas, TX 75201.

NEXPOINT ADVISORS, L.P.; HIGHLAND CAPITAL MANAGEMENT FUND ADVISORS, L.P.; DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST AND NANCY DONDERO, AS TRUSTEE OF DUGABOY INVESTMENT TRUST; GET GOOD TRUST AND GRANT JAMES SCOTT III, AS TRUSTEE OF GET GOOD TRUST; HUNTER MOUNTAIN INVESTMENT TRUST; MARK & PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #1 AND LAWRENCE TONOMURA AS TRUSTEE OF MARK & PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST – EXEMPT TRUST #1; MARK & PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST-EXEMPT TRUST#2 AND LAWRENCE TONOMURA IN HIS CAPACITY AS TRUSTEE OF MARK & PAMELA OKADA FAMILY TRUST-EXEMPT TRUST #2; CLO HOLDCO, LTD.; CHARITABLE DAF HOLDCO, LTD.; CHARITABLE DAF FUND, LP.; HIGHLAND DALLAS FOUNDATION; RAND PE FUND I, LP, SERIES 1; MASSAND CAPITAL, LLC; MASSAND CAPITAL, INC.; AND SAS ASSET RECOVERY, LTD., Defendants.

THE OKADA PARTIES' MOTION TO DISMISS AMENDED COMPLAINT

# TO THE HONORABLE STACEY G. C. JERNIGAN, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT JUDGE:

Mark K. Okada, The Mark & Pamela Okada Family Trust – Exempt Trust #1 ("MPO Trust 1") and Lawrence Tonomura in his Capacity as Trustee, and The Mark & Pamela Okada Family Trust – Exempt Trust #2 ("MPO Trust 2") and Lawrence Tonomura in his Capacity as Trustee (collectively, the "Okada Parties"), defendants in the above captioned adversary proceeding, hereby submit *The Okada Parties' Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint* (the "Motion"), <sup>2</sup> and respectfully state as follows:

Pursuant to Rule 7012(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and Rules 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the reasons set forth in the accompanying *Memorandum of Law in Support of The Okada Parties' Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint* and the *Appendix in Support of The Okada Parties' Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint*, filed contemporaneously herewith and all of which are incorporated herein by reference, the Okada Parties request that the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division (the "Bankruptcy Court") dismiss with prejudice the causes of action asserted against the Okada Parties in the Amended Complaint (the "Claims"):

- Count I (against Mr. Okada, MPO Trust 1, and MPO Trust 2) Avoidance and Recovery of HCMLP Distributions as Constructive Fraudulent Transfers;
- Count II (against Mr. Okada, MPO Trust 1 and MPO Trust 2) Avoidance and Recovery of HCMLP Distributions as Intentional Fraudulent Transfers;
- Count XIV (against Mr. Okada) Breach of Fiduciary Duty in Connection with Fraudulent Transfers and Schemes; and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Motion supersedes *The Okada Parties' Motion to Dismiss* [Dkt. No. 125].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the *Memorandum of Law in Support of The Okada Parties' Motion to Dismiss Amended Complaint*.

 Count XXXV (against Mr. Okada) – Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty Under Delaware Law or Knowing Participation in Breach of Fiduciary Duty under Texas Law in Connection With Fraudulent Transfers and Schemes.

WHEREFORE, the Okada Parties respectfully request that the Bankruptcy Court enter an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as <u>Exhibit A</u>, (i) granting the Motion; (ii) dismissing with prejudice the Claims asserted against the Okada Parties; and (iii) granting the Okada Parties such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: July 11, 2022 New York, New York

/s/ Brian D. Glueckstein

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# **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that on July 11, 2022, true and correct copies of this document were electronically served by the Court's ECF system on parties entitled to notice thereof, including on the Plaintiff through its counsel of record.

/s/ Brian D. Glueckstein
Brian D. Glueckstein

# EXHIBIT A

**Proposed Order** 

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS DALLAS DIVISION

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ORDER GRANTING THE OKADA PARTIES' MOTION TO DISMISS

<u>AMENDED COMPLAINT</u>

Upon consideration of The Okada Parties' Motion to Dismiss Amended

Complaint (the "Motion"), the Memorandum of Law in Support of the Okada Parties' Motion to

Dismiss Amended Complaint, and the Appendix in Support of the Okada Parties' Motion to

Dismiss Amended Complaint, any response thereto, the pleadings, and the arguments presented

by the parties before this Court, the Court hereby orders that the Motion is GRANTED.

Pursuant to Rule 7012(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, and

Rules 12(b)(1) and 12(b)(6) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court hereby dismisses,

with prejudice:

• Count I – Avoidance and Recovery of HCMLP Distributions as Constructive

Fraudulent Transfers, as against Mark K. Okada, MPO Trust 1, and MPO Trust 2;

• Count II – Avoidance and Recovery of HCMLP Distributions as Intentional

Fraudulent Transfers, as against Mark K. Okada, MPO Trust 1 and MPO Trust 2;

• Count XIV – Breach of Fiduciary Duty in Connection with Fraudulent Transfers and

Schemes, as against Mark K. Okada; and

• Count XXXV – Aiding and Abetting Breach of Fiduciary Duty Under Delaware Law

or Knowing Participation in Breach of Fiduciary Duty under Texas Law in Connection With Fraudulent Transfers and Schemes, as against Mark K. Okada.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_\_, 2022

HONORABLE STACEY G. C. JERNIGAN UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

### End of Order ###

### Proposed form of order prepared by:

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